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2. [redacted] the status and planned maintenance work of the highway
bridges along the German-Polish border. **

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Comment. This Soviet request for submission of a report on the
condition of border bridges [redacted] The
Soviets apparently attach great importance to the availability of adequate
fire fighting equipment at bridges since this point is dealt with at great
length for every bridge mentioned. Some of the existing bridges are not
listed. It is not clear whether they were intentionally omitted or whether
reports on them were not requested by the Soviets since they are destroyed.
These bridges include the Oder River bridges in Schwedt, Neuglietzen, Neu-
ruecnitz and Fuerstenberg and the Neisse River bridges in Guben, Gross
Briesnick and Lodenau. [redacted]

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** Comment. The following comments pertain to bridges [redacted]
The Odervorflutbruecke, bridge across the flood area of the Oder
River, at Kuestrin-Kietz (O 53/V 66), is on National Highways No 1 and
114, which run from Berlin to Danzig and Warsaw via Auestrin (O 53/V 66).
It is a steel structure resting on four concrete piers. It is 90-meters
long and has a carrying capacity of 60 tons. Slight damages were repaired.
The bridge across the Oder River in Kuestrin is also on National Highways
No 1 and 114 but on territory held by the Poles. Details on this bridge
were previously reported. [redacted] The emergency bridge
over the Oder River near Frankfurt (O 53/V 63) was built 300 meters down-
stream from the former highway bridge which was destroyed. It is a wooden
structure with a roadway 8 meters wide. The old Oder River bridge in
Frankfurt is on National Highways No 5 and 167 which run from Berlin to
Breslau via Frankfurt. It is still destroyed. It had eight spans, each
30 meters long. It is planned to rebuild it in its original form, using
the bridge piers that remain. The superstructure of the bridge is to be
of steel or reinforced concrete. The reconstructed bridge will possibly
have a movable span 65 meters long to allow boats to pass. Since the
funds allocated for the reconstruction of the bridge were cut from two
million to five hundred thousand marks, only the piers and abutments can

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be built this year, the reconstruction of the bridge proper being postponed until 1950. Clearance work for the reconstruction of the piers is now in progress. The bridge near Bademeusel is on the Autobahn from Berlin to the Upper Silesian industrial area via Breslau. It was repaired as an emergency bridge. The bridge across the Neisse River in Goerlitz is on National Highways No 6 and 115 which run from Dresden to Liegnitz via Goerlitz. It has been reconstructed as an emergency bridge.

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